

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Paul Callahan

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 5-2-2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8, 10-12, 14-23, 25-28, 30-32, 34-45, 47-52, 54-60, 62-65, 67-69, 71-75, 77 and 78.
3. The drawings filed on 06 October 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Claims 1-78 were pending in this application at the time of the previous Office Action. Claims 9, 13, 24, 29, 33, 46, 53, 61, 66, 70, and 76 have been cancelled by the latest amendment. Therefore claims 1-8, 10-12, 14-23, 25-28, 30-32, 34-45, 47-52, 54-60, 62-65, 67-69, 71-75, 77, and 78 are pending and have been allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-8, 10-12, 14-23, 25-28, 30-32, 34-45, 47-52, 54-60, 62-65, 67-69, 71-75, 77, and 78 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As for claims 1, 20, 28, 32, 38, 48, 57, 65, 69, and 75, the prior art fails to teach the feature found in the independent claims of recording, as authentication information data, the medium identification information together with the digital signature of the person who recorded the medium identification information, all in combination with the other claim limitations.

As for claim 11, the prior art fails to teach a recording control part that provides control of recording encrypted information and control of the encryption key used for information encryption on the authenticated information recording medium, all in combination with the other limitations found in the claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul E. Callahan whose telephone number is (571) 272-3869. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9 to 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise, can be reached on (571) 272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is: (571) 273-3869.

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